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1. SUMMARY. IN LENGTHY AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO
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TENTH PLENUM OF SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE OCTOBER 2, POLIT-

BURO MEMBER ALBERT NORDEN REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS SINCE NINTH PLENUM AT END OF MAY. TONE OF REMARKS WAS GENERALLY ONE OF OBVIOUS SATISFACTION, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS GDR FOREIGN POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESS OF WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL. RECITAL OF PROGRESS ON ECONOMIC SIDE WAS TEMPERED BY STANDARD CRITICISM OF MANAGERIAL AND SUPPLY SHORTCOMINGS. REPORT, DEVOID OF NEW OR PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY PRONOUNCEMENTS, WAS APPARENTLY INTENDED TO SERVE PRIMARILY AS BACKDROP FOR GOVERNMENT AND PARTY PERSONNEL SHIFTS REPORTED REF A. END SUMMARY.

2. NORDEN'S SURVEY OF INTERNATIONAL SCENE CONSISTED LARGELY OF FAMILIAR RECITATION OF KNOWN GDR FOREIGN POLICY POSITION. HIS MOST POINTED REMARKS WERE RESERVED FOR ASSESSMENT OF FRG/GDR GENERAL RELATIONS TREATY AND BERIN AGREEMENT. WHILE PRAISING BOTH AGREEMENTS FOR FURTHERING DETENTE, NORDEN, IN EVIDENT REFERENCE TO WEHNER CONTROVERSY, ALLEGED THAT CERTAIN "CIRCLES IN FRG" WERE ATTEMPTING TO UNDERMINE TREATIES AND CLAIMED THAT ANY EFFORT TO REINTERPRET TEXTS OF ACCORDS WOULD ONLY BURDEN DEVELOPMENT OF NORMAL GDR-FRG RELATIONS.

3. IN EXTOLLING SUCESS OF TENTH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL, NORDEN CLAIMED EVENT WAS (A) OF EXCEPTIONAL POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN YOUTH'SSTRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS, (B) IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATION OF ALLIANCE BETWEEN "SOCIALIST" YOUTH WITH OTHER YOUTH FORCES IN JOINT EFFORT SECURE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE, (C) VISIBLE PROOF OF GDR'S ENHANCED AUTHORITY IN WORLD AFFAIRS, AND (D) CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF GROWING POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS OF EAST GERMAN YOUTH.

4. CITING FRAGMENTARY STATISTICS ON BOTH PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION, NORDEN CONCLUDED THAT SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD FULFILLMENT OF 1973 ECONOMIC PLAN HAD BEEN MADE IN PRECEDING FOUR MONTHS. AS REGARDS FOREIGN TRADE OBJECTIVES, HE REPORTED THAT GDR EXPORTS TO CEMA BLOC HAD INCREASED BY 8.6 PERCENT (7.3 PERCENT TO SOVIET UNION ALONE), IN FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF YEAR, WHILE EXPORTS TO INDUSTRIALIZED WEST (WHICH INCLUDES FRG) HAD GROWN BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALMOST 21 PERCENT. LATTER PERCENTAGE FIGURE NOT VERY SIGNIFICANT IN VIEW OF ITS RELATIVELY SMALL BASE, BUT IT STILL INDICATES THAT GDR EXPERIENCING SOME SUCCESS IN HOLDING DOWN ITS TRADE DEFICIT WITH WEST (PARA EIGHT, REF B). NORDEN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT GRAIN-HARVEST YIELD HAD AVERAGED 35.8 DECITONS PER HECTARE CONFIRMED EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT GDR GRAIN HARVEST WOULD APPROACH 1973 LEVEL IN QUANTITY AND PROBABLY SURPASS IT IN QUALITY

(BERLIN 1503).

5. SIGNED OUT BY NORDEN FOR CRITICISM WERE USUAL SHORT-FALLS AND IMBALANCES IN PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS, INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS AND FINISHED GOODS. QUALITATIVE DEFICIENCIES WERE ALSO NOTED AND INDUSTRIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL CADRES WERE ADMONISHED THAT THERE COULD BE NO DEVIATION FROM GOALS SET BY SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PLAN.

6. NORDEN PAID LAVISH TRIBUTE TO ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL BENEFITS FROM CEMA ECONOMIC INTEGRATION EFFORTS, AND PARTICULARLY TO GDR-SOVIET ECONOMIC COOPERATION. REFERRING TO DECISIONS OF JUNE 1973 PRAGUE CEMA MEETING, NORDEN SAID BLOC'S COMMON FOREIGN POLICY DERIVED STRENGTH FROM CEMA ECONOMIC INTERGRATION. HE ALSO POINTED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT GDR-USSR ORGANIZATION IN PHOTO-CHEMICALS FIELD, NOTING THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CREATE SIMILAR BODIES IN ADDITIONAL INDUSTRIES SO AS TO COMBINE AND BETTER HARNESS ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF CEMA MEMBERS. KLEIN

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